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(a) an anhydrous hydrocarbon compound liquid at ambient temperature having elemental sulfur, oxygen or selenium therein, wherein said hydrocarbon compound is Di-tert-butyl polysulfide, Di-tert-dodecyl polysulfide, Di-tert-nonyl polysulfide or combinations thereof; and

(b) an ethylenic polymer liquid at ambient temperature having a molecular weight less than 70,000, wherein said polymer is a copolymer of butylene and butene.

REMARKS

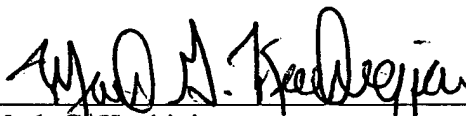
The Office Action dated November 15, 2002 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

The Examiner has requested a further election of species. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 49 contains at least two generic entities and requests that the hydrocarbon be identified further and that the polymer be identified further.

By way of the present amendment, Claim 49 has been further defined. Applicant elects Claims 49, 50 and 51 for examination without prejudice to any of Applicant's rights.

If further issues are presented, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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6 less than 70,000, wherein said polymer is a copolymer of butylene and butene.

1 50. A cross-linking compound as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said anhydrous
2 hydrocarbon compound is an organic process oil from crude or coal processing.

1 51. A cross-linking compound as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said anhydrous
2 hydrocarbon compound is an organic process oil from crude or coal processing.